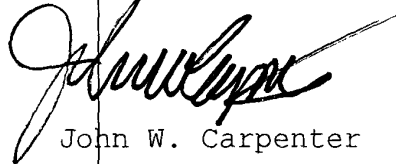


Applicants have cancelled without prejudice the non-elected Claims 1-17, 26-36, and 44-45.

On August 9, 2001 Applicants filed a "Petition Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48 To Correct Inventorship," a copy of which accompanies this Response. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner affirm that the inventorship to the above-identified patent application has been corrected to include Nelly M. Tsvetkova.

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